

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in James City County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 21, 2010 to January 20, 2011

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: BASF Corporation, 100 Campus Drive, Florham Park, New Jersey, GW0035101

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: BASF Corporation – Williamsburg Plant, 8961 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: BASF Corporation has applied for a new permit for the BASF Corporation in James City County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 25,205 gallons per day. This represents a reduction of approximately 99% from the previously issued permit. The ground water withdrawal will be for irrigation water for the inactive landfill, phyto covers, and lagoon closure areas, with fire water supply for the office buildings, and backwash water used to maintain the existing constructed wetlands pump station. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Potomac aquifer at a depth between 445 feet to 520 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Brenda Brown; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA, 23462; Phone: (757) 518-2188; E-mail: brenda.brown@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: (757) 518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.